

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LHF PRODUCTIONS INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

DOE-76.167.86.55,

Defendant.

Case No.: 16-CV-1035-AJB-WVG

**ORDER AFTER ORDER TO SHOW  
CAUSE HEARING**

On November, 1, 2016, the Court issued an Order to Show Cause (“OSC”) why sanctions should not issue for Plaintiff’s counsel, James Davis, for his continued failure to redact sensitive personal information in defiance of several court orders. (*See* ECF No. 32.) Mr. Davis was ordered to file a declaration in response to the OSC and a hearing was set for November 17, 2016. (*See id.*) On that same day, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41, noting the pending requirement of the Order to Show Cause. (*See* ECF No. 33.) Upon a request, and good cause shown, the Court vacated the November 17, 2016 OSC hearing and reset it for November 9, 2016. (*See* ECF No. 36.) On November 9, 2016, the Court held an OSC hearing where Mr. Davis appeared on his behalf and Mr. Carl Cole appeared on behalf of Plaintiff, LHF Productions, Inc.

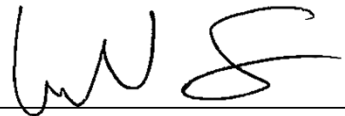
Mr. Davis filed a declaration on November 3, 2016, in compliance with the Court’s

1 order. (*See* ECF No. 34.) In his Declaration, Mr. Davis stated he “neglected to fully review  
 2 the file” and the Court’s orders to redact subscriber information. (Davis Decl. ¶ 7, ECF No.  
 3 34.) Mr. Davis further stated he understood “the gravity of failing to follow the orders of a  
 4 court” and that he has “taken steps to prevent the action from happening again.” (*Id.* ¶ 8.)  
 5 At the OSC hearing, Mr. Davis advised the Court that these steps have resulted in a new  
 6 policy where all personal information will be redacted in all filings for every case filed in  
 7 the Southern District of California. Mr. Davis also indicated this case, along with another  
 8 similar case, was voluntarily dismissed “in recognition of the significance of this issue and  
 9 the errors to date...” (*Id.* ¶ 13, *see generally* 16-CV-1045-ABJ-WVG.)

10 The Court accepts the Declaration of Mr. Davis and the explanations provided at the  
 11 OSC hearing as evidence that Mr. Davis understands the importance of the protection of  
 12 personal information and strict adherence to court orders. The Court further acknowledges  
 13 that Plaintiff moved to dismiss the case as a self-imposed sanction and, given this, will not  
 14 issue additional sanctions. The Court again admonished Mr. Davis that any further failures  
 15 to follow court orders, whether in this case or any other case before the Court with Plaintiff  
 16 LHF Productions, Inc., will be met with severe sanctions.<sup>1</sup>

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 Dated: November 15, 2016

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 21 Hon. William V. Gallo  
 22 United States Magistrate Judge  
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25 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff LHF Productions, Inc. filed fourteen complaints against various Doe defendants, thirteen of  
 26 which are before this Court, alleging similar copyright violations. Mr. Davis represents LHF  
 27 Productions, Inc. in all of these matters and the orders set forth at the OSC hearing and in this order  
 28 apply to all of the similar cases. (*See* 16-CV-999-AJB-WVG, 16-CV-1045-AJB-WVG, 16-CV-1157-  
 ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-1158-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2131-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2132-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2136-  
 ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2143-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2145-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2288-ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2451-  
 ABJ-WVG, 16-CV-2452-ABJ-WVG.)